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2005 ANNUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

JULY 2 TO JULY 8

NFB PLEDGE:

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

THE MEMBERS OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF KENTUCKY
WELCOME YOU TO THE
65th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Marc Maurer, President
National Federation of the Blind
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Baltimore, Maryland 21230

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Convention Organization and Activities

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National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky
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Louisville, Kentucky 40214

The Galt House Hotel
(502) 589-5200

HOTEL

The 65th Annual Convention of the National Federation of the Blind is being held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. As usual, our hotel rates are good. They are: singles and doubles, \$59; triples and quads, \$64. In addition to the room rates, there is a 15.01 percent sales tax. No charge will be made for children eighteen and under in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required.

Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid.

GALT HOUSE GEOGRAPHY

There have been a number of changes to the Galt House. In both the East and West Towers escalators now connect the first, second, and third floors. The walkway between the two towers has been expanded and contains Thelma's Deli and the Al-J Bar. A number of new meeting rooms have been added on the third floor of the East Tower at the south or Main Street side of the Hotel. These rooms may be reached by using a new escalator located toward the middle of the East Tower Exhibit Hall, by walking to the south end of the East Tower and then turning east, or by using a set of elevators on the Main Street side of the East Tower. Note that these elevators are actually part of the adjacent office tower and that the button marked "two" corresponds to the Galt House third floor, and the button marked "one" corresponds to the Galt House second or ballroom level.

LET THE FUN BEGIN! NFB OF KENTUCKY DANCE

DJ Ken Ridings helps us welcome you to Louisville by spinning a variety of your favorite tunes from the past four decades on Saturday evening, July 2, from 7:45 pm until midnight in Grand Ballroom B, 2nd floor East Tower.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception at 8:00 pm on Saturday, July 2, in the Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's activities. Veteran conventioners should encourage all first-timers to attend this special event.

REGISTRATION

Registration activities take place in the Combs/Chandler Rooms on the 2nd floor East Tower beginning at 9:00 am on Sunday, July 3, and at 8:00 am on Monday, July 4. After Monday, registration will be at the Registration

Counter at the end of the Ballroom Foyer beginning at 8:00 am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The fee for registration is \$15 per person, and all those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Therefore, please register as soon as possible after arrival.

NFB STORE AND LITERATURE

NFB literature and sales of aids, appliances, jewelry, Kernel Books, and other items will be located in the East Tower Exhibit Hall directly across from the Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the East Tower. The store will be open at the following times: all day Sunday, all day Monday, Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday from noon to 2:00 pm. Please note that all other exhibits are located in the Archibald Cochran Ballroom on the 3rd floor of the West Tower.

ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE

The NFB's International Braille and Technology Center introduces the Accessible Home Showcase--the doors open for the first time on Saturday, July 2, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in the East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower. On Sunday and Monday, the hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Examine for yourself examples from categories of consumer devices and appliances that other blind people have found useable. Come and help increase blind consumers' access to devices such as DVD players and household appliances with new electronic controls.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits (excluding the NFB Store and Literature) are on display in the Archibald Cochran Ballroom on the 3rd floor West Tower 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm, Wednesday from noon to 5:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday from noon to 2:00 pm. There is a special event *for sponsor-level exhibitors only* on Tuesday, July 5, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm (see "Special Attention" section and agenda listing for more information). Sign up for NFB-Newsline® at the Newsline Table. Any alterations in the general session schedule which may occur during the convention will result in conforming shifts in the exhibit schedule and will be announced in the exhibit areas. A number of affiliated NFB divisions and committees have tables. Many new electronic devices are demonstrated, as well as a special exhibit of materials and resources for the deaf-blind.

MEETINGS

General sessions of the convention will be held Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, Thursday

afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon. The morning sessions will convene at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 9:00 am on Wednesday, 8:45 am on Thursday, and 9:00 am on Friday.

The convention will adjourn promptly at 5:00 pm Friday afternoon, July 8. All general sessions of the convention will be held in the Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor East Tower.

BANQUET AND TICKET EXCHANGE

This year's banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor East Tower at 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 7. Banquet tickets are \$35.00 and will be on sale in the Combs/Chandler Room, 2nd floor East Tower on Sunday, July 3, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Monday, July 4, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. After Monday, they will be on

sale at the Registration Counter at the end of the Ballroom Foyer on Tuesday, July 5, from 8:00 to 9:30 am and noon to 2:00 pm and on Wednesday, July 6, from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

It will be necessary for you to have your ticket with you to attend the banquet. Tickets will be collected from you at the banquet tables. Arrangements should be made for reserved table assignments by taking the ticket(s) you purchase to the Banquet Exchange Table in the registration area, where you may exchange either an individual ticket or a group of tickets for reserved seating. This year the banquet tables will seat eight people.

DEVOTIONS

Devotional services will be held in the Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Devotions on Tuesday, July 5, will begin at 8:30 am. Services will begin at 8:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. These services are nonsectarian and will end at least fifteen minutes prior to morning convention sessions.

On Sunday, July 3, Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., will celebrate a Roman Catholic Mass at 6:30 am in the Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A Federation Information Desk will be located in the registration area from Sunday morning, July 3, through Friday, July 8. If you have questions or need assistance, go to the Federation Information Desk. In addition, the NFB of Kentucky will have a table in the registration area to sell tickets and answer questions about tours. The Kentucky affiliate will also maintain during much of the convention a table near the hotel check-in desk in the lobby to provide assistance and hospitality. Phones will be at the Federation Information Desk and also at the Kentucky table in the lobby.

- When you register, you will be given a badge. Please wear it at all times during the convention.
- The room number for the Presidential Suite is 446. Someone will be on hand in the Presidential Suite throughout most of the convention to greet you and make appointments for you with the President or anyone else you wish to see. Of course, the Presidential Suite will not be open during the business sessions of the convention, the Monday morning Board of Directors meeting, or the Thursday evening banquet. Come to the Presidential Suite. You will be most welcome.
- The room number for Mary Ellen Jernigan, Chairman of Convention Organization and Activities, is 1143. Questions concerning hotel rooms, meeting rooms, banquet, scheduling, registration, and other matters dealing with convention arrangements should be referred to the Chairman of Convention Organization and Activities.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to the Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower between noon and 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 7, or Friday, July 8.
- The Kentucky Suite (Cathy Jackson, President) is 346.
- We are again offering NFB Camp (child-care services) for children six weeks through ten years of age in the Willow/Walnut Rooms, 3rd floor West Tower during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Pre-registration and payment by June 15 was required for NFB Camp. We are asking parents to make the following donations:

Per week: \$80 first child; \$60 siblings (does not include banquet)
 Per day: \$20 per child (does not include banquet)
 Banquet: \$15 per child

NFB Camp is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan is activities director once again this year. Please note that you are required to provide lunch for your child(ren) every day. NFB Camp is open:

Saturday, 7/2	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday, 7/3	Closed
Monday, 7/4	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 7/5	9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, 7/6 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (closed in the afternoon)
Thursday, 7/7 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, 1:30 to 5:30 pm, and 6:30 pm to adjournment of the banquet
Friday, 7/8 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

- A Special Evening For Sponsor-Level Exhibitors: The Archibald Cochran Ballroom exhibit area, 3rd floor West Tower, will reopen from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Tuesday, July 5, for a very special evening dedicated solely to Sponsor-Level Exhibitors listed here. Come and bring a guest to say “thank you” to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our National Convention sponsors are: HumanWare Group; Independent Living Aids, Inc.; Freedom Scientific Blind/Low Vision Group; IBM; Marriott Worldwide Reservation Sales; UPS; Optelec; and Sendero Group LLC.

- The annual Showcase of Talent is back by popular demand on Tuesday, July 5, at 7:00 pm, sponsored by the National Association of Blind Musicians. For an admission price of \$5.00, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy this delightful evening of entertainment. If you would like to participate in the Showcase, make sure to preregister by contacting Linda Mentink by telephone or by seeking her out in the Nebraska delegation at the general session before noon on Tuesday, July 5.

- Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception to this rule will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct such drawings during the convention or at the banquet. The Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower will be set aside at noon on Thursday, July 7, for all other drawings. Any group or affiliate wishing to conduct drawings at this time (or any person wishing to know the winner of such drawings) may go at noon on Thursday to the Breathitt Room.

BLUEGRASS BALL

Kick up your heels to music from yesterday and today with the music of Spare Change, a popular local band that promises to keep things lively at the Bluegrass Ball, hosted by the NFB of Kentucky on Tuesday evening, July 5, from 8:00 until midnight in Ballrooms B and C, 2nd floor East Tower.

NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF BREAST CANCER RISK IN BLIND WOMEN

Breast cancer risk may be different in blind women compared to sighted women. Dr. Steven Lockley of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital is heading a large nationwide survey of blind and visually impaired women that aims to identify risk factors associated with certain health disorders, such as breast cancer and sleep problems. To find out more about the study or to volunteer, please go to their table in the

exhibit area or attend Dr. Lockley's workshops on July 2 at 2:00 pm and again at 3:00 pm in the Generals Room, 2nd floor West Tower.

AFFILIATED DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES, AND GROUPS

The Federation carries on its business through divisions, committees, and groups. The meetings of some of these have been scheduled for particular times and are listed in the agenda. Others have not been formally scheduled but will meet at the call of their chairpersons or presidents. If you have matters that you would like to discuss with any of the following divisions, committees, or groups, you should contact:

Divisions

- Agriculture and Equestrian Division: *Diane Starin, President;*
- Deaf-Blind Division: *Robert Eschbach, President;*
- Diabetes Action Network for the Blind: *Paul Price, President;*
- Health Professionals: *Abio Sokari, Chairperson;*
- Human Services Division: *Melissa Riccobono, President;*
- Masonic Square Club: *Fred Flowers, President;*
- National Association of the Blind in Communities of Faith: *Tom Anderson, President;*
- National Association of Blind Entrepreneurs: *James R. Bonerbo, President;*
- National Association of Blind Lawyers: *Scott LaBarre, President;*
- National Association of Blind Merchants: *Kevan Worley, President;*
- National Association of Blind Musicians: *Linda Mentink, President;*
- National Association of Blind Office Professionals: *Lisa Hall, President;*
- National Association of Blind Piano Technicians: *Don Mitchell, President;*
- National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals: *Carlos Servan, President;*
- National Association of Blind Students: *Angela Wolf, President;*
- National Association of Guide Dog Users: *Priscilla Ferris, President;*
- National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB): *Nadine Jacobson, President;*
- National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science: *Curtis Chong, President;*
- National Organization of Blind Educators: *Sheila Koenig, President;*
- National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC): *Barbara Cheadle, President;*
- National Organization of the Senior Blind: *Judy Sanders, President;*
- Performing Arts Division: *Adrienne Snow, President;*
- Public Employees Division: *Ivan Weich, President;*
- Science and Engineering Division: *John Miller, President;*
- Travel and Tourism Division: *Douglas M. Johnson, President;*
- Writers Division: *Tom Stevens, President.*

Committees

- Affiliate Action: *Bruce Gardner, Chairperson;*
- Blind Educator of the Year Award: *Steve Benson, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Assistive Technology (COAT): *Curtis Chong, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Automobile and Pedestrian Safety (CAPS): *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Underserved Populations: *Anil Lewis, Chairperson;*
- Correspondence: *Norma Crosby, Chairperson;*
- Cultural Exchange and International Program: *Joyce Scanlan, Chairperson;*
- Distinguished Educator of Blind Children Award: *Sharon Maneki, Chairperson;*
- Imagination Fund: *Kevan Worley, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Award: *Ramona Walhof, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund: *Tami Dodd Jones, Chairperson;*
- Job Exchange: *Fatos Floyd, Chairperson;*
- Kenneth Jernigan Fund: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- Library Services: *Chris McKenzie, Chairperson;*
- Loan Fund: *Donald C. Capps, Chairperson;*
- Membership: *Donald C. Capps, Chairperson;*
- Newel Perry Award: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- NFB-Newsline Program Steering: *Tom Hartig, Chairperson;*
- PAC Plan: *Scott LaBarre, Chairperson;*
- Planned Giving: *Tom Hartig, Chairperson;*
- Promotion, Evaluation, and Advancement of Technology: *Gary Wunder, Chairperson;*
- Public Relations: *Barbara Pierce, Chairperson;*
- Research and Development: *Brian Buhrow, Chairperson;*
- Resolutions: *Sharon Maneki, Chairperson;*
- Scholarship: *Peggy Elliott, Chairman;*
- Shares Unlimited in NFB (SUN): *Sandy Halverson, Chairperson;*
- Spanish Translation: *Norman Gardner, Chairperson;*
- White Cane and Affiliate Finance: *Norman Gardner, Chairperson.*

Groups

- Blind Parents: *Deborah Kent Stein, Coordinator;*
- Blind Professional Journalists: *Elizabeth Campbell and Bryan Bashin, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Educators of Blind Children: *Gail Wagner and Doris Willoughby, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Geordi's Engineers: *Lorraine Rovig, Chairperson;*
- Legislative Initiatives Discussion: *Don Burns, Coordinator;*
- NFB Ham Radio: *D. Curtis Willoughby, Chairperson;*
- NFB in Judaism: *David Stayer, Chairperson;*
- Orientation and Mobility: *Christine Brown and Eddie Bell, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Web Masters: *Gary Wunder, Coordinator.*

CONVENTION AGENDA

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005

7:30 - 9:30 am--EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

NFB HAM RADIO GROUP

D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

8:00 - 11:30 am—*IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT*--NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN (NOPBC) PARENTS SEMINAR

Jones Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Barbara Cheadle, President. Fees include NOPBC membership and all NOPBC events during the week: \$15, one adult (no children); \$25, one adult plus child(ren); and \$35, two adults plus child(ren).

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration

9:00 - 11:30 am: Seminar

8:00 am - 12:15 pm—OPTELEC USA (THREE SESSIONS)

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor, West Tower

8:45 - 9:45 am: "Your Link to the Mainstream." The latest in Optelec's universal

connectivity development efforts as an alternative to current methods of

notetaking.

10:00 - 11:00 am: "Where Braille Literacy Meets Adaptive Technology." A *must*

for parents of and teachers of blind children. Focuses on how adaptive

technology can be utilized to lay the foundations of Braille literacy.

11:15 am - 12:15 pm: "Your Link to the Mainstream." The latest in Optelec's

universal connectivity development efforts as an alternative to current

methods of notetaking.

8:00 am - 5:00 pm--THE REHABILITATION REVOLUTION: OUR HISTORY, CURRENT CHALLENGES, AND THE FUTURE

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration (no cost to attend)

9:00 - 5:00 pm: Conference

Sponsored jointly by the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness, Louisiana Tech University, the National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals (Carlos Servan, President), and the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (James Omgig, President)

Conference Co-Chairpersons: Christine Brown and Carlos Servan

8:30 am--NFB CAMP: IT'S MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY (CHILD CARE)

Willow/Walnut Rooms, 3rd floor West Tower

Please see "Special Attention" section of agenda for further information.
(Pre-registration by June 15 was required.)

SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

8:30 am - 4:30 pm—*BEYOND THE OFFICE, INTO THE ACCESSIBLE HOME*
IBTC-SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower

8:30 - 10:00 am--Cell Phones for All?

10:30 am - Noon--DF Survival Training

1:00 - 2:30 pm--Note takers and MP3 Players

3:00 - 4:30 pm--To Mac or not to Mac?

9:00 - 12:00 noon—BRAILLE CARNIVAL BUDDIES TRAINING WORKSHOP

McCreary Room, 3rd floor East Tower

For all Carnival buddies and others who wish to volunteer to work with children at the convention.

Coordinator: Melissa Riccobono

9:30 - 11:30 am--JAWS SEMINAR

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Explore and customize the exciting new Speech and Sounds Manager, learn how to

configure JAWS in Excel, Word, and even on the Internet. First-hand demonstrations

of JAWS running with new Internet-based authorization, remote desktop systems, and

a Citrix Solution.

Presented by Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, Freedom Scientific

1:00 - 4:00 pm--NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN
INSTITUTE RESEARCH AGENDA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Dogwood Room, 3rd floor, West Tower

Session One, 1:00-2:00 pm; Session Two, 2:15-3:15 pm; Session Three, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Come to any of the sessions to share your thoughts on research topics important to the blind.

Facilitated by Betsy Zaborowski, Psy.D., Executive Director, NFB Jernigan Institute

1:00 - 5:00 pm—IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE

East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower

The Showcase features consumer devices and appliances that other blind people have found useable. From 2:00 to 4:00 pm IBTC staff and manufacturers' reps highlight concepts and features of devices, such as washing machines and home theaters.

1:00 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ENTREPRENEURS SEMINAR

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

James R. Bonerbo, President

SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:30 - 5:00 pm--KENNETH JERNIGAN BRAILLE CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN

McCreary/Stamley Rooms, 3rd floor East Tower

1:30 pm Registration; Features many unique and fun Braille-related activities for children ages five and up (blind or sighted), nonBraille and advanced Braille readers, and nonreaders. The Carnival will feature a quiet story time for all between 4:00-5:00. Children must be accompanied by a Carnival buddy or other adult.

Sponsored by NOPBC

Coordinators: Melissa Riccobono, Mike Jones, and Melody Lindsey

1:30 - 3:30 pm--PAC MATE SEMINAR

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

A basic introduction to the PAC Mate, including synchronizing with the desktop PC, using the onboard application for word processing, printing/embossing, emailing, contacts, calendar, spreadsheets, and the Internet. Users will learn how to install and use third-party peripherals and applications such as Bluetooth, bar code scanning, Wifi cards, an audio recorder and editor, an encyclopedia, a second language speaker, and perform backup and restore.

Presented by Freedom Scientific

1:30 - 5:00 pm—STAYING ALIVE IN 2005 JOB EXCHANGE COMMITTEE SEMINAR

Sampson/Laffoon Rooms, 1st floor East Tower

Topics include designing your dream job, rehabilitation engineering for normal people, and building your own job. We will help you find a mentor who will help you find employment.

Fatos Floyd, Chairperson

1:30 - 3:30 pm—WRITERS READING POETRY AND CREATIVE WRITING
Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower
Tom Stevens, President, Writers Division

1:45- 5:00pm—NOPBC WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH
For ages twelve and up. Preregistration is recommended.

1:45- 2:45 pm So You Think You Would Like to Run a Meeting?—
Microphone
and speaker etiquette and techniques for aspiring blind speakers
and leaders. Instructor: Angela Wolf
Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

3:00 - 5:00 pm Puzzles, Brainteasers, and Fun Things to do with
Math;
Instructors: COGS Club, Indiana School for the Blind
Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

NOPBC WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH, Cont'd.

3:00- 5:00 pm Art is for Everyone (limited to ten
students); Instructor: Ann
Cunningham
Morrow Room, 3rd floor East Tower

2:00 - 4:45 pm--NOPBC WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS (Two sessions each)

Active Learning for the Blind, Multiply Disabled Child
Contact Barbara Cheadle or Sandra Dunnam for room location
Session One 2:00 - 3:15 pm; Session Two 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Braille: The Passport to the World
Bradley Room, 3rd floor East Tower
Session One 2:00 - 3:15 pm; The ABC's of Braille; Instructor: Carol
Castellano
Session Two 3:30 - 4:45 pm; Formatting and Producing Braille—What
Every
Parent and Teacher Should Know; Instructor: Brunhilde Merk-Adam

Cruising the Internet and Other Technology Travels
Beckham Room, 3rd floor East Tower
Session One: 2:00 - 3:15 pm; Panel: COGS Club, Indiana School for the

Blind

Session Two: 3:30 – 4:45 pm; Instructor: Annee Hartzel

Exploration: Focus on the Early Years, ages zero to eight

Taylor Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Two Sessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm and 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Instructor: Joe Cutter

Traveling Solo: Focus on the School Years

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Two Sessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm and 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Instructor: Mary Jo Thorpe

2:00 - 4:00 pm—NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF BREAST CANCER RISK IN BLIND WOMEN (Two Workshops: 2:00-3:00 pm and 3:00-4:00 pm)

Generals Room, 2nd floor West Tower

Find out how you can participate in a survey of blind women that aims to identify risk factors associated with certain health disorders, such as breast cancer and sleep problems.

Presenter: Steven W. Lockley, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Division of Sleep Medicine

SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—GABIAS WELLNESS CENTER SEMINAR

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Training offered to increase effectiveness in five areas of life: healthy body, mind, family, society, and finances. Wellness preview will highlight the Nikken product technologies and their benefits. This same seminar will be presented again on Wednesday, July 6, from 1:00-5:00 pm.

Consultants: Paul and Mary Ellen Gabias

6:30 - 9:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower

6:30 pm--Registration

7:00 pm--Meeting begins

Lisa Hall, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Stanley Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Families are teamed up with a blind mentor for a fun evening of exploring the hotel, picking up some blind travel tips, and making new friends.

Preregistration recommended.

7:00 - 10:00 pm--NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT

McCreary Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Everyone welcome. Relax and chat in an informal atmosphere with other parents, teachers, and blind adults. Hostess is Maria Jones.

7:00 - 9:00 pm--PAC PLAN COMMITTEE

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Scott LaBarre, Chairperson

7:45 pm - Midnight—*LET THE FUN BEGIN!* NFB OF KENTUCKY DANCE

Grand Ballroom B, 2nd floor East Tower

DJ Ken Ridings spins a variety of your favorite tunes from the past four decades. Come and enjoy the music and dance, dance, dance--loosen up those leg muscles to do some convention week walking.

8:00 - 10:00 pm--AFFILIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Bruce Gardner, Chairperson

8:00 - 11:00 pm--KARAOKE NIGHT

Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

Sing solo, form a group, or just cheer on fellow Federationists; meet current BLIND, Inc. students and alumni who will share their experiences from training; cash bar and many door prizes; admission \$5.00. Song lists are available in Braille.

Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated (Blindness: Learning In New Dimensions)

SATURDAY, JULY 2, Continued

8:00 - 10:00 pm--ROOKIE ROUNDUP RECEPTION--GAINING INSIGHT FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

If this is your first NFB convention, don't miss this event!

Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana, Coordinator

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2005

6:30 am--ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

9:00 am - 5:00 pm--IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE

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people have found useable. From 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 to 4:00 pm IBTC staff and manufacturers' reps highlight concepts and features of devices, such as washing machines and home theaters.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)

Combs/Chandler Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

9:30 am - 5:30 pm--

EXHIBITS—**Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower**

NFB A&A STORE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

NFB LITERATURE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm--CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Contact is Bruce Gardner

1:00 - 5:00 pm--TEEN GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY: DROP IN ANYTIME

Laffoon Room, 1st floor East Tower

Games, music, socializing for all teens. Cosponsored by NOPBC and Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM); supervised at all times by Loretta White and BISM counselors.

1:30 pm--RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Grand Ballroom C, 2nd floor East Tower

Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

2:00 - 4:30 pm--PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Please come and share your talent with us. Bring a small piece to share with our division. Registration is \$5.00

Adrienne Snow, President

4:30 - 7:00 pm--EIGHTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS

French Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Admission: \$5.00. See your favorite Federation lawyers strut their legal stuff arguing an employment discrimination case in which a blind factory worker was fired because of his blindness.

Scott LaBarre, President

5:30 - 7:30 pm--NFB IN JUDAISM MEETING

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Advance reservations only.
David Stayer, Chairperson

6:00 - 10:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS MEETING
Jones Room, 3rd floor East Tower

6:00 pm Registration (\$5.00)
7:00 pm Meeting begins
Angela Wolf, President

6:15 - 9:00 pm--DEAF-BLIND DIVISION SEMINAR
Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

6:15 pm Registration
7:00 pm Meeting begins
Seminar is on issues of technology and developments in service for the deaf-blind.
Robert Eschbach, President

6:15 - 10:00 pm--NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE SENIOR BLIND ANNUAL MEETING AND (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

6:15 pm Registration and silent auction begins
7:00 pm Meeting begins
The meeting will begin and end with the not-so-silent auction.
Judy Sanders, President

SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

6:30 - 9:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MUSICIANS BUSINESS MEETING

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Meeting begins
Linda Mentink, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU)
Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

6:30 pm—Registration (dues are \$15)
7:00 pm--Meeting begins
We will have special guests, reports from guide dog schools, and more.
Priscilla Ferris, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE
Sunflower Room, 2nd floor West Tower

Norma Crosby, Chairperson

7:00 - 8:30 pm--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION

Dogwood Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Ivan Weich, President

7:30 - 10:00 pm--BLIND PARENTS GROUP

Taylor Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Deborah Kent Stein, Coordinator

7:30 - 9:30 pm--MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Donald C. Capps, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm--WEB MASTERS WORKSHOP

Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower

A meeting for all NFB *affiliate and division* Web masters attending the convention to discuss what information our pages should contain and talk about accessibility, visual appeal, and tools available to create Web pages easily.

Gary Wunder, Coordinator

8:00 - 10:00 pm--COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES

Morrow Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Chris McKenzie, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:30 pm--WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Norman Gardner, Chairperson

9:30 - 11:00 pm--SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Norman Gardner, Chairperson

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005

7:00 - 8:30 am--SEEING EYE GRADUATE BREAKFAST

Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

R.S.V.P. Required--Contact David Loux at the hotel

8:00 am - 5:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)

Combs/Chandler Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

9:00 am - 5:30 pm-- EXHIBITS—Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor

West Tower

NFB A&A STORE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

NFB LITERATURE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—IBTC's ACCESSIBLE HOME SHOWCASE

East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower

The Showcase features consumer devices and appliances that other blind people have found useable. From 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 to 4:00 pm IBTC staff and manufacturers' reps highlight concepts and features of devices, such as washing machines and home theaters.

9:00 - 11:30 am--NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor East Tower

12:30 - 5:00 pm—"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

Taylor Room, 3rd floor East Tower

12:30 pm Registration

1:00 pm Meeting begins

A panel of Federationists who are reaching out to others in a variety of settings will discuss their experiences. We will also have elections and a report on the book, *Experiencing God*.

Tom Anderson, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

12:30 pm Registration

1:00 pm Meeting begins

Discussions involve the functions and features of the Adobe Reader software, screen access technology as it pertains to clients such as Citrix, and training offered by the Access Technology Institute.

Curtis Chong, President

MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

12:30 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS MEETING

Jones Room, 3rd floor East Tower

12:30 pm Registration

1:00 pm Meeting begins

If you are involved in the Randolph-Sheppard program or operate a similar business, you won't want to miss this meeting.

Kevan Worley, President

1:00 - 3:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (CAPS)

Sunflower Room, 2nd floor West Tower

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:00 pm--CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dogwood Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Joyce Scanlan, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:00 pm--NOPBC ANNUAL MEETING

Sampson Room, 1st floor East Tower

Keynote address by the 2005 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children
Barbara Cheadle, President

1:00 - 4:30 pm--NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS SEMINAR

Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

1:00 pm Registration

1:30 pm Meeting begins

Education is a profession rich in possibility. Come and hear successful blind teachers discuss various techniques they use in their classrooms. We will also meet in small groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors extending beyond our meeting.
Sheila Koenig, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS ANNUAL MEETING

Morrow Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Examine emerging trends in the law that affect blind people and others with disabilities, discuss how to practice law most effectively, find out ways legal research companies are making their products accessible with screen readers and other assistive technology used by blind lawyers, and more.
Scott LaBarre, President

MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Carlos Servan, President

1:00 - 2:00 pm--PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Barbara Pierce, Chairperson

1:00 - 4:00 pm--TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION SEMINAR

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Douglas M. Johnson, President

1:15 - 4:30 pm—"WRITERS AT WORK" WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Tom Stevens, President

1:30 - 4:30 pm--DIABETES ACTION NETWORK SEMINAR/BUSINESS MEETING

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Keynote speaker is podiatrist Kenneth Rehm, DPM, discussing the diabetic foot, his exclusive specialty.

Paul Price, President

1:30 - 5:00 pm--HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

Beckham Room, 3rd floor East Tower

1:30 pm Registration

2:00 pm Meeting begins

We welcome those interested in this field (i.e., blind psychologists, social workers, counselors) to network, ask questions, and discuss techniques used in order to get the job done.

Melissa Riccobono, President

3:00 - 5:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND PIANO TECHNICIANS

Bradley Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Learn about the opportunities for financial independence and success through tuning and servicing pianos.

Don Mitchell, President

3:30 - 4:30 pm—PARENT POWER WORKSHOP

Sampson Room, 1st floor East Tower

An NOPBC workshop about expanding and strengthening state and local parent groups, fundraising, developing programs, networking, and recruiting members.

MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

5:00 - 7:00 pm-- *BRAILLE READERS ARE LEADERS* ANNUAL REUNION AND BRAILLE BOOK FLEA MARKET

Laffoon Room, 1st floor East Tower

Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB and supported by the local UPS

volunteers. Donations from the Braille book flea market will go to the Braille Readers are Leaders contest and literacy program. Coordinator: Peggy Chong

**5:00 - 6:30 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS RECEPTION
Stanley Room, 3rd floor East Tower**

For NABL members and seminar participants to promote networking and fellowship. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available
Scott LaBarre, President

**5:30 - 6:30 pm--AGRICULTURE AND EQUESTRIAN DIVISION
Dogwood Room, 3rd floor West Tower**
Diane Starin, President

**6:30 - 9:00 pm--SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION
Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower**

6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Meeting begins
John Miller, President

**7:00 - 9:00 pm--HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS DIVISION
Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower**

Cardio- and Cerebro-vascular Accidents—Are you at risk as you age? If you know and manage your risk factors and are aware of signs, symptoms, and preventive practices, you can increase the length and quality of your life.
Abio Sokari, Chairperson

**7:00 - 9:00 pm--HULA WORKOUT WORKSHOP
Sunflower Room, 2nd floor West Tower**

Join Nani Fife and Tammy Fife from the NFB of Hawaii and experience an innovative hula workout for fun and exercise. They have designed this program to allow you to learn a choreographed hula dance combined with an aerobic workout.

**7:00 - 9:30 pm—LATEST RELEASES ON BOOKSHARE.ORG
Wilson Room, 3rd floor, East Tower**

Bookshare.org, a major on-line accessible BRF and DAISY talking book provider is now over three years old. We've got over 22,000 books and periodicals available to our subscribers to download 24/7. Join us in an informal users' gathering to meet our team, learn about some exciting developments, and provide feedback about the user experience from your point of view.

MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) ANNUAL MEETING AND BRAILLE AUTHORITY OF NORTH AMERICA (BANA) FORUM

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Nadine Jacobson, President

7:00 pm—*A PATH WE DID NOT KNOW* (First Performance)

French Room, 3rd floor East Tower

(Second Performance: 9:00 pm) Admission: \$5.00

An original play by Jerry Whittle. Bill Mann, Federation leader, is hired to direct a traditional training center for the blind. As he tries to make changes, he encounters many difficulties in applying NFB philosophy. Performed by the Louisiana Center for the Blind Players. All proceeds help to support the Louisiana Center for the Blind summer training programs for blind children.

7:00 - 9:00 pm--SHARES UNLIMITED IN THE NFB (SUN) COMMITTEE

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Sandy Halverson, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm--COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Gary Wunder, Chairperson

9:00 pm—*A PATH WE DID NOT KNOW* (Second Performance)

French Room, 3rd floor East Tower

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005

7:30 - 9:00 am--PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Tom Hartig, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:30 am—

EXHIBITS—**Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower**

NFB A&A STORE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

NFB LITERATURE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

8:00 - 9:30 am--REGISTRATION (\$15); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)

Registration Counter, Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor East Tower

TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

8:30 - 9:30 am--DEVOTIONS
Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES

9:45 am CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS

10:15 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

11:40 am THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE IDENTIFIABLE
REHABILITATION PROGRAM: A CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE
Rush D. Holt, Ph.D., Member of Congress, United States House of
Representatives, 12th Congressional District, Princeton Junction,
New Jersey

12:00 pm ADJOURN

Noon - 2:00 pm--

EXHIBITS--**Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower**
NFB A&A STORE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**
NFB LITERATURE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

Noon - 2:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)
Registration Counter, Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor East Tower

12:15 - 1:45 pm--LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI GATHERING
Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower
Josh Boudreaux, President

GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, Marc Maurer

TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

3:00 pm *JOURNEY TO INDEPENDENCE: BLINDNESS--THE CANADIAN STORY*
Euclid Herie, Ph.D., Author and Former President of the
World Blind
Union and of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

3:05 pm INNOVATION, INSPIRATION, AND INFLUENCE: THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTS
THE WILL OF THE ORGANIZED BLIND
Betsy Zaborowski, Psy.D., Executive Director, National
Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore, Maryland

REACHING FOR NEW HORIZONS: A REPORT ON THE FIRST
SCIENCE ACADEMY AT THE JERNIGAN INSTITUTE

Mark Riccobono, Director of Education, National Federation
of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore, Maryland

Henry Wedler, Graduate, 2004 Rocket On! Science
Academy, Petaluma, California

Amelia King, Graduate, 2004 Circle of Life Science
Academy, Madison, Wisconsin

Caroline Rounds, Facilitator, 2004 Science Academy,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

3:50 pm *Imagine!*
Kevan Worley, Chairperson, Imagination Fund Committee,
Aurora, Colorado

4:05 pm *BLIND JUSTICE: JACOBUS tenBROEK AND THE VISION OF
EQUALITY*
Floyd Matson, Ph.D., Author and Professor of American
Studies, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

4:20 pm WHAT FRUSTRATES SCREEN READER USERS: A REPORT ON 100
SCREEN READER USERS AND THEIR FRUSTRATIONS ON THE
WEB, A RESEARCH STUDY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND JERNIGAN INSTITUTE
Jonathan Lazar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of
Computer and Information Sciences and Director of the

Universal Usability Laboratory, Towson University, Towson,
Maryland

TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

4:35 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:30 - 6:15 pm--NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

6:30 - 8:00 pm—CHILDREN CAN LEARN TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES-SESSION 1

Preregistration is recommended; two sessions offered.

Wilkinson Room, 1st floor East Tower

Session One is for children age five to nine, who must be accompanied by a parent or another adult. A special program to teach basic body awareness and procedures for handling common medical emergencies. Session Two (8:30-10:00 pm) is for youth age ten and up. Older youth may attend without a parent or adult, depending upon maturity level.

Conducted by NOPBC parent leader and paramedic Maria Garcia

6:30 - 8:00 pm--PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S IEP AND EDUCATION PROGRAM: FOCUS ON THE TRANSITION YEARS (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

An NOPBC-sponsored workshop; Instructors: Jim Marks and Dan Burke

7:00 - 9:00 pm--ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT--Admission \$5.00

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Preregistration required by noon today (contact Linda Mentink at the hotel)

Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Musicians Division

Linda Mentink, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—ANTIQUE CARS MEETING

Bradley Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Joe Naulty, Coordinator

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Anil Lewis, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—IMPLEMENTING AN ACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR

BLIND, MULTIPLY DISABLED CHILDREN

Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

An NOPBC-sponsored program; Instructor: Sandra Dunnam

TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

7:00 - 10:00 pm—“THE INFORMED CHOICE” NAGDU SEMINAR

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Ask questions and receive answers to help you decide the best choice for you.

Sponsored by the National Association of Guide Dog Users (NAGDU)

Priscilla Ferris, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm--NFB NEWSLINE® FUNDRAISING SEMINAR

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Hear an overview of this year's NFB-NEWSLINE activity, operational statistics, and future plans. Do you need a strategy for obtaining either first-time or follow-on NFB-NEWSLINE funding? If so, we encourage you to attend this meeting.

7:00 - 10:00 pm--SECOND ANNUAL “SPECIAL EVENING FOR SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS”

Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower

The Archibald Cochran Ballroom exhibit area will reopen for a very special evening dedicated solely to Sponsor-Level Exhibitors listed here. Come and bring a guest to say “thank you” to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our national convention sponsors are: HumanWare Group; Independent Living Aids, Inc.; Freedom Scientific Blind/Low Vision Group; IBM; Marriott Worldwide Reservation Sales; UPS; Optelec; and Sendero Group LLC.

7:00 - 9:00 pm--ZIG-ZAG, A RECREATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

Assemble at east end of Grand Ballroom Foyer

Navigation aid prototype developed by John Miller.

7:30 - 9:30 pm--PLANNING YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION PROGRAM: FOCUS ON THE EARLY YEARS (INFANCY TO KINDERGARTEN)

Morrow Room, 3rd floor East Tower

An NOPBC-sponsored workshop; Instructor: Carol Castellano

8:00 - Midnight--BLUEGRASS BALL

Ballrooms B and C, 2nd floor East Tower

Kick up your heels to music from yesterday and today. Spare Change, a popular local band promises to keep things lively. Sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky.

8:30 - 10:30 pm--CARF...THE REHABILITATION ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

The focus group, Comprehensive Blind Rehabilitation Services--Blueprint for Quality, discusses the accreditation process offered by CARF and the value of applying CARF standards to comprehensive blind rehabilitation services in the public and private sector. Learn about the accreditation process, ask critical questions, make suggestions, and give advice. CARF needs and encourages input regarding your

TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

CARF, Continued

expectations for quality and accountability for blind rehabilitation services. Commentators: Mary K. Boegemann and Annette Grove

8:30- 10:00 pm—CHILDREN CAN LEARN TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES-SESSION 2

Preregistration is recommended.

Wilkinson Room, 1st floor East Tower

Session Two is for youth age ten and up. Older youth may attend without a parent or adult, depending upon maturity level. A special program to teach basic body awareness and procedures for handling common medical emergencies. Conducted by NOPBC parent leader and paramedic Maria Garcia

8:30 - 10:00 pm--PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S IEP AND EDUCATION PROGRAM: FOCUS ON THE ELEMENTARY YEARS

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

An NOPBC-sponsored workshop; Instructors: Annee Hartzel and Brunhilde Merk-Adam

9:00 - Midnight--JACOBUS tenBROEK SPECIAL AUCTION

Laffoon Room, 1st floor East Tower

9:00 pm Preview auction items

10:00 pm Auction

Sponsored by the Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund Committee
Tami Dodd Jones, Chairperson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005

8:00 - 8:45 am--DEVOTIONS

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

8:00 - 9:00 am--REGISTRATION (\$15); FINAL BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$35.00)

Registration Counter, Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor East Tower

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am ELECTIONS

9:50 am THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THE EDUCATION OF BLIND CHILDREN
Carrie Gilmer, President, Minnesota Parents of Blind
Children, Minneapolis, Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

10:10 am THE ROLE OF THE CONSUMER IN THE EDUCATION OF BLIND
CHILDREN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS OF THE BLIND
Kay Alicyn Ferrell, Ph.D., Executive Director of the National
Center on Low-Incidence Disabilities and Professor of Special
Education, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

10:25 am FINDING AND TRAINING THE TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE: A
PARTNERSHIP
Kathleen M. Huebner, Ph.D., Co-Director of the National
Center for Leadership in Vision Impairment and Professor and
Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in Vision Impairment,
Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

10:40 am THE ORGANIZED BLIND AND EDUCATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN
Allen Harris, Director, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des
Moines, Iowa

10:55 am EVERYTHING DIGITAL

Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind
and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington,
D.C.

Michael Katzmann, Head, Engineering Section, National
Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library
of Congress, Washington, D.C.

11:15 am QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

11:20 am INTERACTIVE EDUCATION FOR EVERYBODY INCLUDING THE BLIND

Jason E. Barkeloo, President, Somatic Digital, LLC,
Cincinnati, Ohio

11:35 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN

Noon - 5:00 pm--

EXHIBITS—**Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower**
NFB A&A STORE AND LITERATURE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

12:15 - 2:00 pm--EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NLS

Collins Room, 2nd floor East Tower

A question-and-answer session with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress

Frank Kurt Cylke, Director

Michael Katzmann, Chief Engineer

Lloyd Rasmussen, Senior Engineer

1:00 - 6:00 pm—AMERICAN RED CROSS/CONVENTION BLOOD DRIVE

Brown Room, 2nd floor East Tower

All who are interested in donating blood to the American Red Cross are invited. Contact Gary Wunder in the Missouri delegation with questions.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—GABIAS WELLNESS CENTER SEMINAR

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Training offered to increase effectiveness in five areas of life: healthy body, mind, family, society, and finances. Wellness preview will highlight the Nikken product technologies and their benefits.

Consultants: Paul and Mary Ellen Gabias

1:00 - 3:00 pm--“SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME: WHAT APPLICANTS, ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW” SEMINAR

Dogwood Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Seminar presenters: Jim McCarthy, NFB director of governmental affairs, and

Terri Uttermohlen, training and technical assistance liaison, Virginia Commonwealth University

**1:30 - 3:00 pm--CHARITABLE ESTATE PLANNING AND GIFT STRATEGIES
Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower**

This seminar provides information on various planned giving opportunities, legal implications, and impact on personal taxes.

Coordinator: Israel Menchero, NFB director of outreach programs

**1:30 - 2:15 pm—DR. DOOLITTLE COMES TO LOUISVILLE
Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower**

NOPBC sponsored event. A hands-on experience with live animals from the area's 4-H Clubs, Farm Bureau, and WAGS (therapy dogs). Families will meet to get instructions, directions, and car-pool assistance to go to the Kentucky School for the Blind. Adults must be accompanied by children. Return time estimated at 5:00 pm. Contact coordinators Brad & Jill Weatherd or Sandy Tabaoda to register.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

1:30 - 3:00 pm—JOB EXCHANGE COMMITTEE CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORING

Sampson Room, 1st floor East Tower

Fatos Floyd, Chairperson

**1:30 - 3:00 pm--JOB EXCHANGE COMMITTEE RÉSUMÉ WRITING SEMINAR
Laffoon Room, 1st floor East Tower**

If you have a real interest in getting a job and are willing to put out effort during the next twelve months to get one, you should attend this seminar. We will work with you on writing your résumé, so be sure to bring your current résumé or notes with you.

Fatos Floyd, Chairperson

2:00 - 5:00 pm - IMAGINE A WINNING LIFE FILLED WITH CREATIVITY, UNSTOPPABLE SPIRIT, AND POSSIBILITY

French Room, 3rd floor East Tower

The NFB Jernigan Institute, with the support of the National Association of Blind Merchants, presents Brian Biro, nationally known teacher, seminar leader, and transformational leadership coach. Learn how to break through fears, doubts, and limiting beliefs in this thought-provoking seminar. Soar with new determination and excitement about tackling even the most intense challenges.

**3:00 - 5:00 pm—USER TESTING FOR KURZWEIL-NFB READING MACHINE
Morrow Room, 3rd floor East Tower**

Join the inner circle. See the latest innovation and help shape the final version of the handheld reading machine.

Coordinators: Sunish Gupta and Brad Hodges, NFB staff members

3:30 - 5:00 pm--MEET THE BLIND MONTH ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS SEMINAR: PLANS AND ACTION EQUAL SUCCESS

Wilson Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Every October is “Meet the Blind Month.” Find out about entertaining and fun events that can occur throughout October so that sighted people can meet their blind neighbors. Session will include encouraging chapters to try new types of fundraising events and discussing what has worked well in the past.

Conducted by Jerry Lazarus, NFB director of special projects

5:00 - 7:00 pm--KURZWEIL 1000 USERS’ MEETING

Wilkinson Room, 1st floor East Tower

Join the Kurzweil 1000 Users’ Contingent, meet with Steve Baum, share some Kurzweil 1000 experiences, learn about the new features of the upcoming release, and help design future releases.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

6:00 - 9:00 pm--COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE

Laffoon Room, 1st floor East Tower

Create a piece of art, try a Braille puzzle, practice food preparation and using a long white cane with our travel instructors. The staff and students at the Colorado Center for the Blind invite you to discover what good training can do for you.

Julie Deden, Director

6:30 -10:00 pm--DEAF-BLIND DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Holly Room, 3rd floor West Tower

6:30 pm Registration

7:00 pm Meeting begins

Robert Eschbach, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm--NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS FIFTH ANNUAL RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD RECEPTION

Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

Socialize, network, and learn more about Randolph-Sheppard opportunities.

Kevan Worley, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm--NFB NEWSLINE® TUTORIAL SEMINAR

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

We'll cover group and individualized instruction on the details of NFB-NEWSLINE®. If you are not sure how to set up your favorites list, customize the voice, or spell out words, then this seminar is for you.

7:30 - 9:30 pm--AUDIO-DESCRIBED FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

French Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Presented by NOPBC and the National Captioning Institute, Described Media Department.

8:00 - 10:00 pm--COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Dogwood Room, 3rd floor West Tower

Brian Buhrow, Chairperson

8:00 pm - Midnight--MONTE CARLO NIGHT

McCreary Room, 3rd floor East Tower

Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005

7:00 - 8:30 am--GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND BREAKFAST

Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

An annual breakfast for graduates and any others interested in learning about guide dogs as a mobility option. Meet other guide dog teams, exchange stories and tips, talk with our instructors, and enjoy a great meal.

8:00 - 8:45 am--DEVOTIONS

Nunn Room, 2nd floor East Tower

8:00 - 8:45 am--REGISTRATION (\$15)

Registration Counter, Ballroom Foyer 2nd floor East Tower

GENERAL SESSION

8:45 am INVOCATION

8:50 am THE FEDERATION IN THE WORLD

William Rowland, Ph.D., President of the World Blind Union

and Executive Director, South African National Council for the Blind, Pretoria, South Africa

Susan Spungin, Ed.D., Treasurer of the World Blind Union and Vice President of International Programs and Special Projects, American Foundation for the Blind, New York, New York

9:30 am *THE BLINDNESS REVOLUTION: JERNIGAN IN HIS OWN WORDS*
James H. Omvig, Esquire, Author and Rehabilitation Pioneer, Ruston, Louisiana

9:45 am REHABILITATION AND THE ORGANIZED BLIND: NEW APPROACHES, PROFOUND RESULTS

Tom Bickford, Graduate, California Orientation Center, Silver Spring, Maryland

Joanne Wilson, Graduate, Iowa Commission for the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland

Angela Wolf, Graduate, Louisiana Center for the Blind, Austin, Texas

Michele Gittens, Graduate, Blindness: Learning in New Dimensions, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota

THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

Katrilla Martin, Graduate, Colorado Center for the Blind, Fredericksburg, Virginia

10:45 am THE ALTERING CHARACTERISTICS OF REHABILITATION: THE PERSPECTIVE OF HALF A CENTURY
Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D., Research Professor, San Diego State University, Vienna, Virginia

11:05 am DIEBOLD AND THE ORGANIZED BLIND MOVEMENT: A PARTNERSHIP FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO THE BUSINESS WORLD
Walden O'Dell, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Diebold, Incorporated, Canton, Ohio

11:25 am ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION: THE VOTING MACHINE AND THE BANK MACHINE: THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
R. Alexander Acosta, Assistant Attorney General, Civil

Rights Division, United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN

Noon - 2:00 pm--

EXHIBITS--**Archibald Cochran Ballroom, 3rd floor West Tower**
NFB A&A STORE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**
NFB LITERATURE—**East Tower Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor East Tower**

Noon - 1:45 pm--NFB HAM RADIO GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Magnolia Room, 3rd floor West Tower
D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

Noon - 1:45 pm--RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS

Breathitt Room, 2nd floor East Tower

Noon - 2:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15)

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THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

12:30 - 1:30 pm--COORDINATING NFB AND LIONS INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Fields Room, 3rd floor East Tower

All Lions are encouraged to come.

Ramona Walhof, Capital Lions Club, Boise, Idaho, Chair

GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm GETTING BOOKS FOR BLIND STUDENTS IN GRADE SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL WITH COLLEGE TO COME

Patricia S. Schroeder, President and Chief Executive
Officer, Association of American Publishers, Washington, D.C.

- 2:20 pm** A MERGER FOR THE FUTURE: PUTTING POWER INTO THE HANDS OF THE BLIND
Russell Smith, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, HumanWare Group, Christchurch, New Zealand; Gilles Pepin, President, HumanWare Canada, Montreal, Canada
- 2:40 pm** THE KURZWEIL NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND READER: THE POCKET READING MACHINE
Ray Kurzweil, President, Kurzweil Technologies, Inc., Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts
- 3:00 pm** EMBRACING THE TECHNIQUES OF BLINDNESS: AN APPROACH THAT WORKS
Robert Massof, Ph.D., Professor of Ophthalmology and Neuroscience and Director of the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center, The Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland
- 3:20 pm** THE VOICE OF THE BLIND IN THE NEW YORK SENATE
David A. Paterson, Senator and Minority Leader, 30th Senate District, New York, New York
- 3:35 pm** THE BLIND ROPER
Jerry Long, Wrangler, Capitan, New Mexico
- 3:50 pm** THE BLIND IN THE ACCOUNTING PROFESSION
Gloria Mills-Hicks, President, IReScue Tax Planning and Consulting, Tampa, Florida

THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

- 4:05 pm** ACCESSIBILITY TO CONSUMER PRODUCTS: AN EMERGING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WHIRLPOOL AND THE ORGANIZED BLIND
John Alexander, Vice President and General Manager, Whirlpool and Value Brands, North American Region, Benton Harbor, Michigan
- 4:20 pm** CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE BLIND IN THE ERA OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
- 4:40 pm** REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

7:00 pm--BANQUET

Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor East Tower

INVOCATION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer

10:00 pm - Midnight--AFTER-BANQUET PARTY

Carroll/Ford Rooms, 2nd floor East Tower

10:00 -11:00 pm—SCI-FI MEETING

All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys (in the New Hampshire delegation) for room location.

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2005

8:00 - 8:45 am--DEVOTIONS

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8:00 - 8:45 am--REGISTRATION (\$15)

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FRIDAY, JULY 8, Continued

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION:
FINANCING THE MOVEMENT, WASHINGTON REPORT,
OTHER REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Noon ADJOURN

Noon - 2:00 pm--

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Noon - 2:00 pm--NFB CAMP TOY SALE

Willow/Walnut Rooms, 3rd floor West Tower

Everything must go--30 to 70 percent off all toys purchased for NFB Camp.

Noon - 2:00 pm--REGISTRATION (\$15)

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GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION:
REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

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